

**TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 30, 2003 – Sacramento**

**M I N U T E S**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Dr. Ramon Johnson	Virginia Hastings	Dr. David Hoyt
	Dr. William Tuefel	Dr. Judith Brill	Sue Cox
	Leonard Inch	Richard Watson	Dan Smiley,
	Dr. Tharatt	Maureen McNeil	Bonnie Sinz
	Donna Nicolaus		

**Absent:** Mr. Blair Sadler, Dr. Babatunde Jinadu, Dr. Jay Goldman, Larry Karsteadt, Bob Eisenman, Barbara Duffy, RN

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- Population Exception
- Update of Trauma Grant

**SSV TRAUMA GRANT**

Leonard updated the members on the progress of the grant SSV received to update the white paper on trauma. The original trauma center map, included with the white paper, is being updated to include all of the newly designated centers. In addition, the white paper update will provide specifics on how the AB 430 trauma funding was spent and outline trends by type of facility.

**DATA UPDATE**

Bonnie provided the committee members with the latest draft of proposed trauma registry data elements. The list was created by the Trauma Data Ad Hoc Committee and contains minimum data elements for a statewide trauma registry. The committee considered NTDB data requirements when preparing the draft. The committee was asked to review the data elements and provide comments to Bonnie prior to the next Trauma Data Ad Hoc Committee Meeting which will be held on November 3, 2003. The data committee will incorporate these comments into the final draft.

**JCAHO/AOA ACCREDITATION**

An issue was raised by Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC), who is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, regarding the regulatory requirement for trauma centers to be accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Inland Counties Emergency Medical Services Agency (ICEMA) requested an exception to the

regulatory requirement that a trauma center be accredited by JCAHO. The requirement for JCAHO accreditation was added to the regulations in 1999, *“as a means to ensure that any hospital functioning as a trauma center meets nationally recognized requirements.”* Given that AOA accreditation is recognized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services which is a national organization, the Trauma Committee determined that accreditation by AOA meets the intent of the regulations. It was recommended that a blanket exception to allow trauma centers to be accredited by an accrediting organization that has been granted deemed status as an accrediting organization by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

### **HRSA FUNDING UPDATE**

Donna reported that a second year of funding had been provided by the National Trauma-EMS Systems Program, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The funds will support the Trauma Advisory Committee and the Trauma Data Ad Hoc Committee.

Dr. Hoyt reported that the federal trauma funding had been reauthorized as stated above and that advocates were lobbying for additional funding.

Dr. Johnson reported that trauma funding is being explored as a portion of the HRSA Bioterrorism grant.

### **POPULATION EXCEPTION**

A question was raised regarding whether the 350,000 population criteria, required by the trauma regulations, was intended for a single trauma center designation or related to two centers within the same location. The Trauma Advisory Committee confirmed that the regulation was not intended to prevent the establishment of a single trauma center in an area with less than 350,000 population, but was added to address the issue of two centers within the same population area.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Trauma Advisory Committee reviewed its membership and proposed adding the following members: Carol Gunter, Interim Director Los Angeles County; William Haug, Fresno Children's Hospital (to replace Blair Sadler); and Linda Raby, Trauma Manager's Association. Director Watson contacted all proposed members and they have agreed to serve on the committee.

### **STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM**

The advisory committee reviewed the timelines on the goals and objectives which will be included in the final draft. It was further proposed that a core group work together to develop a draft statewide trauma plan and a two-day trauma retreat held to get input from the full group.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting will be the retreat which is scheduled for December 11 & 12, 2003 in San Francisco.